

Work Session

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	September 8, 2015
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Discussion Item	Temporary Neighborhood Traffic Calming Measures to Address the Carroll Avenue Bridge Closure Detours
Background	<p>At the June 2, 2014, Council work session, the Council agreed to coordinate meetings with residents on streets potentially affected by traffic generated by the temporary closure of the Carroll Avenue bridge. City staff scheduled 10 such meetings. Additionally several neighborhoods organized their own meetings and provided their comments, as did the Safe Roadways Committee. The requests received from those meetings and groups were summarized and presented to the Council at the March 2, 2015 Council meeting. Additionally, the Council discussed whether to establish a simplified procedure for authorizing temporary traffic calming measures for streets impacted by the bridge closure. Council asked staff to develop an overall plan identifying the recommended traffic calming measures for City installation and confirm what measures will be addressed by State Highway Administration or their contractor.</p> <p>State Highway Administration has awarded the construction contract to Kiewit Infrastructure Group. SHA has scheduled a community meeting on September 24, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department building on Carroll Avenue to provide an opportunity for interested residents to ask questions and review display maps and plans.</p> <p>The first phase of construction is currently underway and involves utility relocations, construction of the temporary pedestrian bridge and installation of temporary traffic signals and signage. During this work, single lane closures will occur sporadically on Carroll Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway between 9 am and 3 pm weekdays. The first phase is expected to last 6 to 9 months. The second phase, which will result in the closure of the bridge and implementation of the detour routes, will take place once the initial phase is completed and is expected to last 12 months.</p> <p>City staff have arranged for traffic volume counts to be gathered on 10 streets segments adjacent to the project area to establish a base line of traffic volume prior to the bridge closure. This data will be gathered in mid-September.</p> <p>The attached spreadsheet presents the staff recommendations for traffic control measures to be implemented by the City. It includes the list of traffic control measures to be implemented by SHA or their contractor.</p>
Policy	Streets in the City should be safe for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Fiscal Impact	Estimated cost to the City for implementation of the measures listed in the staff recommendation is \$45,000. The largest portion of the cost (about \$30,000) is for the new sidewalk on Sligo Creek Parkway. Budgeted funds are available for these costs.
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Original list of traffic calming requests received – with notes 2. Staff recommended temporary traffic calming measures
Recommendation	Council to review list of recommended measures, make any changes or additions and authorize implementation.
Special Consideration	